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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: IN-CAMP POPULATION BY PAROLE
CATEGORY

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1. FOLLOWING IS UPDATE OF DATA PROVIDED IN BANGKOK 13346
BEST ESTIMATE AVAILABLE ON POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES OF NEW
PAROLE PROGRAM BASED ON PROPOSED CRITERIA SPELLED OUT IN
REFTEL:

	CAT I	CAT II	CAT III	TOTAL
LAO	500	1,500	2,000	4,000
HMONG	1,000	400	1,600	3,000
KHMER (NON-BOAT)	200	50	500	750
VIET (NON-BOAT)	125	100	200	425

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TAHI DAM	50	50	75	175
TOTAL	1,875	2,100	4,375	8,350

2. WHILE WE CONCUR GENERALLY IN PROPOSED CRITERIA
DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SEVERAL

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO CRITERIA AND THE SELECTION PROCESS.

3. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, WE BELIEVE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF SPACES OR NUMBERS SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR CATEGORIES I, II, III AND IV FOR THE UP-COUNTRY CAMPS. IF NUMBERS ARE NOT RESERVED, ANY CATEGORY COULD VERY QUICKLY CONSUME MORE THAN A FAIR SHARE OF NUMBERS AVAILABLE.

4. WHILE WE ARE NOT NOW PREPARED TO CATEGORICALLY FIX PERCENTAGES FOR THESE CATEGORIES, WE BELIEVE, WE WILL HAVE THE TIME TO THOROUGHLY SCREEN THE REFUGEE POPULATION, ANALYZE THE DATA AND DETERMINE RELATIVE WEIGHTINGS FOR EACH CATEGORY. THIS WILL HAVE THE MERIT OF INSURING FAIRNESS TO ALL AS WELL AS PERMITTING WASHINGTON AND BANGKOK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION AS TO WHERE THE LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN IN EACH CATEGORY. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THERE ARE FEWER CATEGORY II CANDIDATES THAN EXPECTED, THE PERCENTAGE OF SPACES AVAILABLE TO CATEGORY III CAN BE INCREASED IN A RATIONAL AND DELIBERATE MANNER SINCE WE WILL HAVE A PROFILE OF ALL CATEGORY III CANDIDATES.

5. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS WE AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REASONING THAT MARRIED SIBLINGS OF REFUGEES IN THE US SHOULD BE EXCLUDED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GROUNDS THAT THE NUMBERS WOULD BE OVERWHELMING; THAT THEY ARE AN INTEGRAL FAMILY UNIT AND IMMIGRATION OPPORTUNITIES WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES THROUGH NORMAL 5TH PREFERENCE CHANNELS IN SEVERAL YEARS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD ARGUE FOR NOT EXCLUDING PARENTS OF REFUGEES IN THE U.S. ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE ACCOMPANYING MARRIED CHILDREN IN THAILAND. WE BELIEVE THAT IN MANY CASES, YOUNGER, SINGLE CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO QUALIFY AS UNMARRIED SIBLINGS BUT THE PARENTS, WHO NUMBER LESS THAN 1,000, WILL BE EXCLUDED IF THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION WILL BE UNENFORCEABLE AND WILL LEAD TO FRAUD AS PARENTS WOULD TRY TO DISGUISE THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THEIR MARRIED CHILDREN IN ORDER TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE U.S.

6. WE BELIEVE A CATEGORY IV WILL BE NECESSARY AND SHOULD ALSO HAVE SOME RESERVED NUMBERS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE CATEGORY IV UNDER EPP INVOLVED ACCOMPANYING EXTENDED RELATIVES, WE BELIEVE THE CRITERIA SHOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY IN IT TO PERMIT INS/CONSULAR OFFICERS TO ADJUDICATE MERITORIOUS CASES SUCH AS MINOR, MAJOR UNMARRIED EXTENDED RELATIVES (AUNTS, UNCLES,

NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS) WHO ARE ALONE AND WHO COULD
JOIN RELATIVES IN THE U.S. AGAIN, WE WOULD RECOMMEND
ASSIGNING A WEIGHTING TO THIS CATEGORY ONLY AFTER
SCREENING AND ANALYSIS OF THE UP-COUNTRY POPULATION IS
COMPLETED.

7. EMBASSY HOPES TO HAVE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS
AND THOUGHTS ON PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, MANPOWER AND RE-
SOURCES PREPARED BY COB FRIDAY BANGKOK TIME.
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